

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: THOMPSON ET AL. Examiner: M. CONNELLY
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METHOD

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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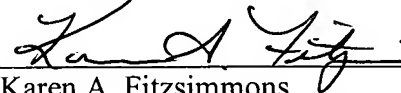
Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed November 18, 2005, said period of response being extended from October 22, 2005 to January 22, 2006.

Our check in the amount of \$1020 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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